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CHAPTER TEN

As Logan stalks the Professor, the terrified Professor tries in vain to contact his mysterious project leader.

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LIFE DURING WAR TIME
PART 1 OF 8
"THE PRICE OF FREEDOM"

The New Warriors are in her future—but it's the past that threatens Angelica Jones as her true identity is revealed and she is attacked by the mutant team FREEDOM FORCE. They'll either make FIRESTAR one of them, or destroy her dream of a normal life, forever.

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"MAKING REAL PROGRESS"

When multi-billionaire industrialist Tony Stark, inventor extraordinaire, dons his solar-charged, steel-mesh armor, he becomes a high-tech warrior—the world's greatest human fighting machine!

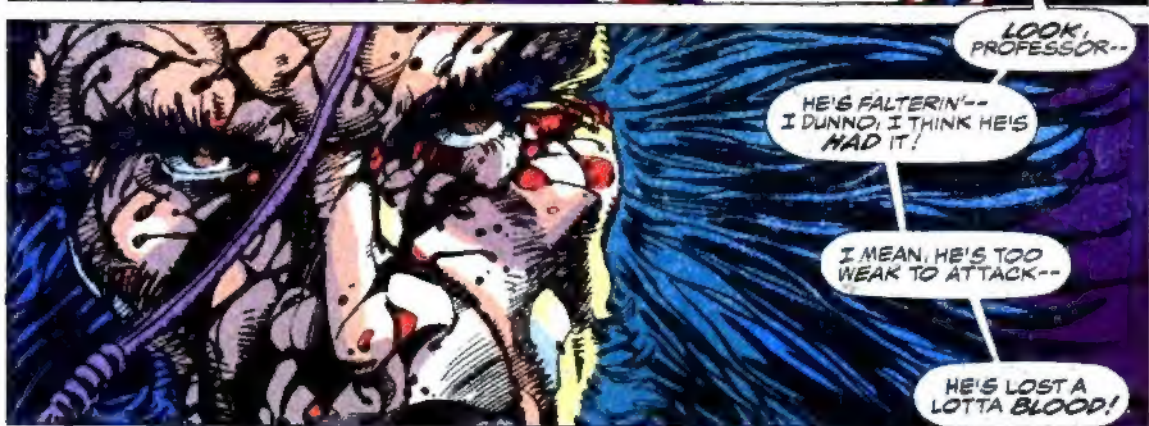
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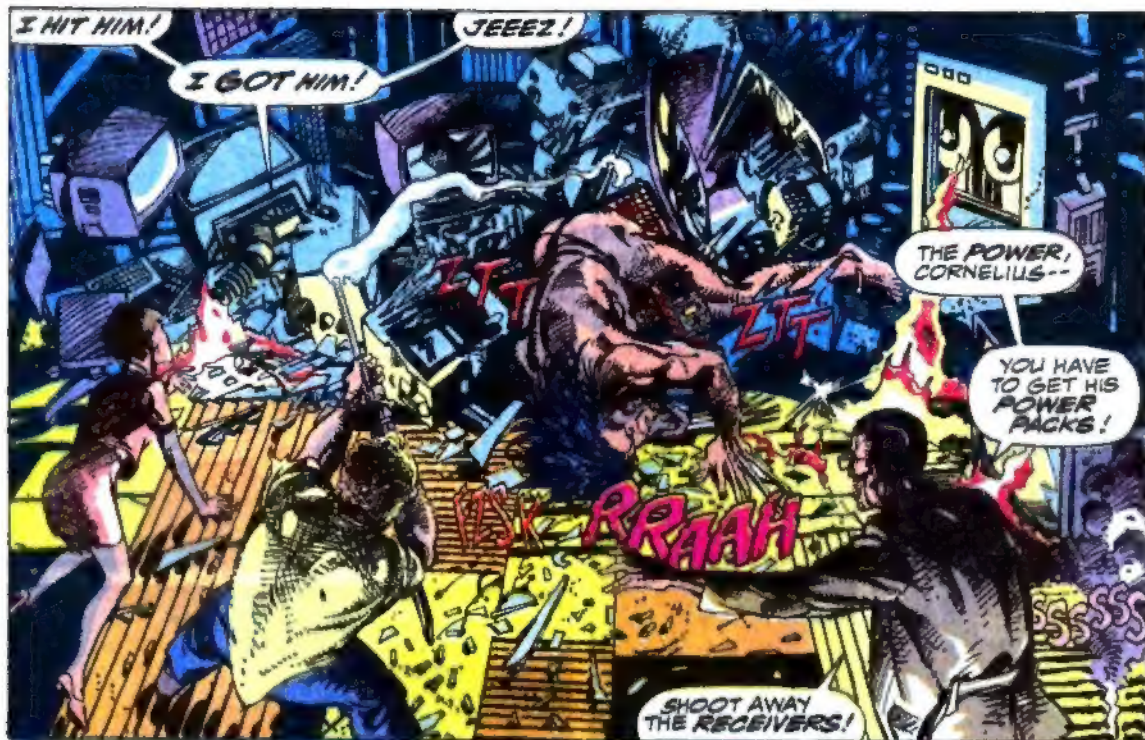
"HERO IN HIDING"

On the run from the law and from himself, POWER MAN must decide what course his life will take: to hide from the world or take a stand that may cost him his freedom, and his life.

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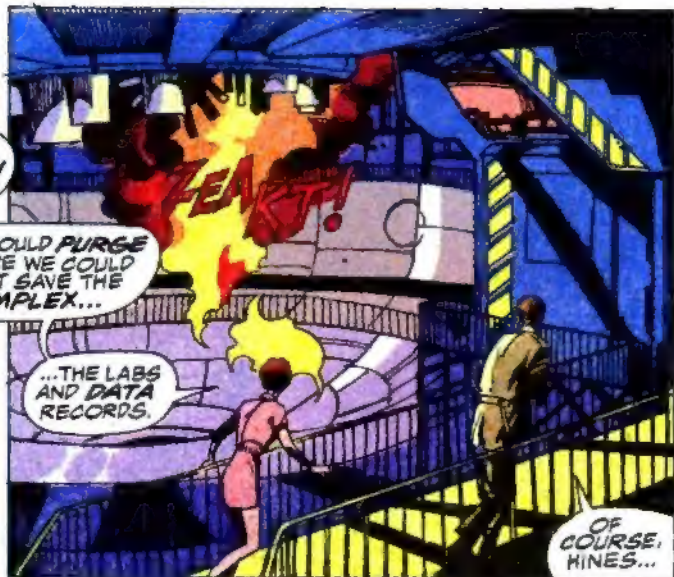
SO STOP SNIVELLING AND
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER...

I NEED YOUR
HELP NOW!

YES... YES,
I... I'M WITH
YOU, SIR!

IF WE COULD PURGE
THE CORE WE COULD
AT LEAST SAVE THE
COMPLEX...

...THE LABS
AND DATA
RECORDS.



OF
COURSE,
HINES...



AFTER ALL--

I... KNOW
THIS MAN.

IN A
MEMORY.

A DREAM.

WHAT COULD BE
MORE IMPORTANT...

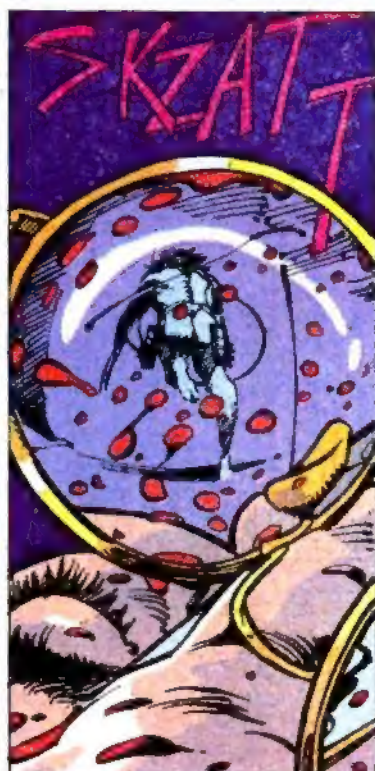
...THAN THE MEMORY
OF EXPERIMENT X?

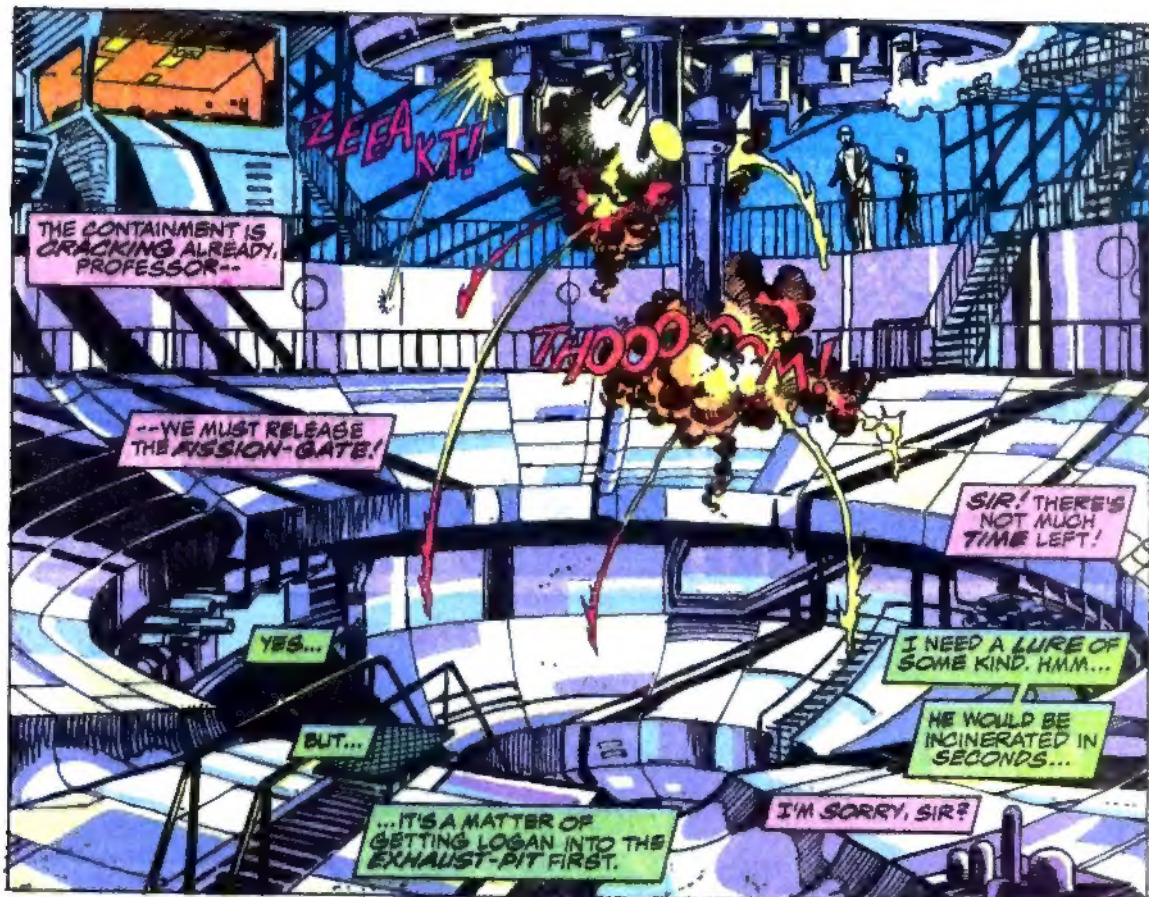


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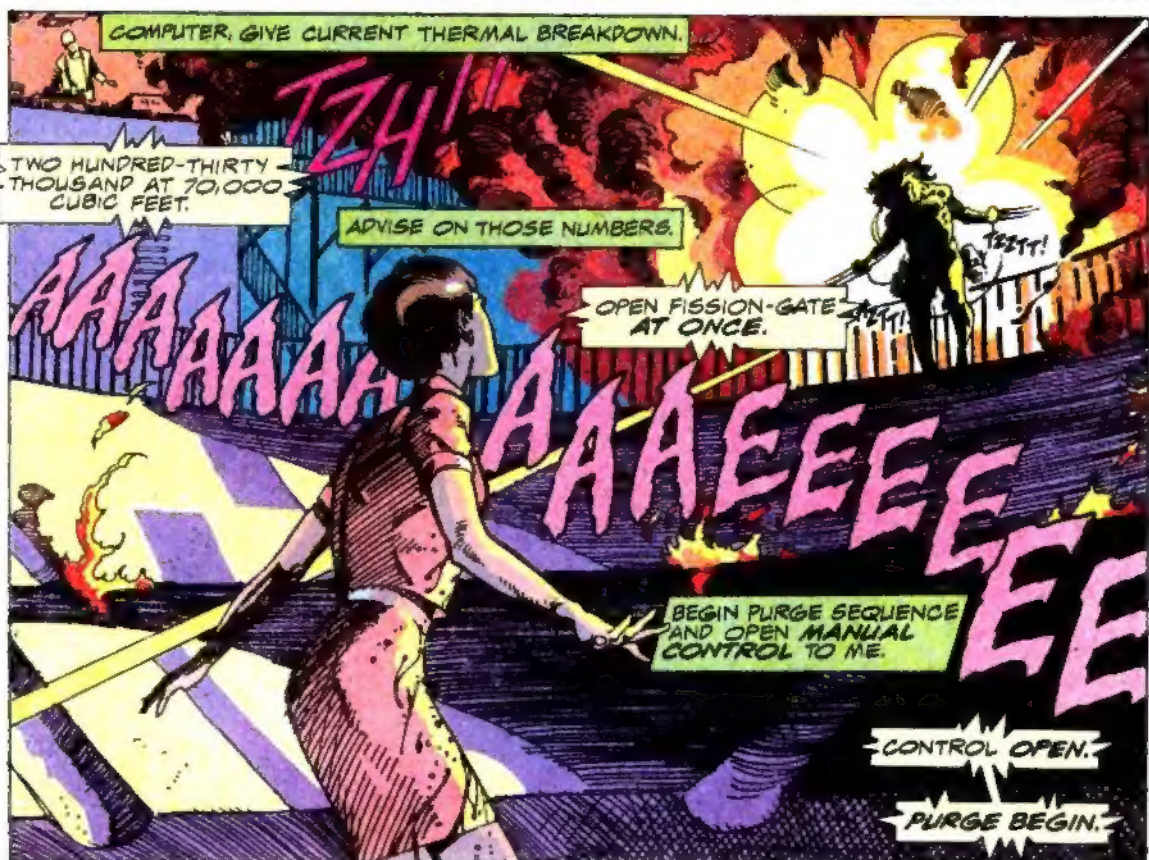


DYING.









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ANGELICA JONES WAS BORN WITH THE MUTANT ABILITY TO PROJECT MICROWAVE ENERGY-- A GIFT OF NATURE.

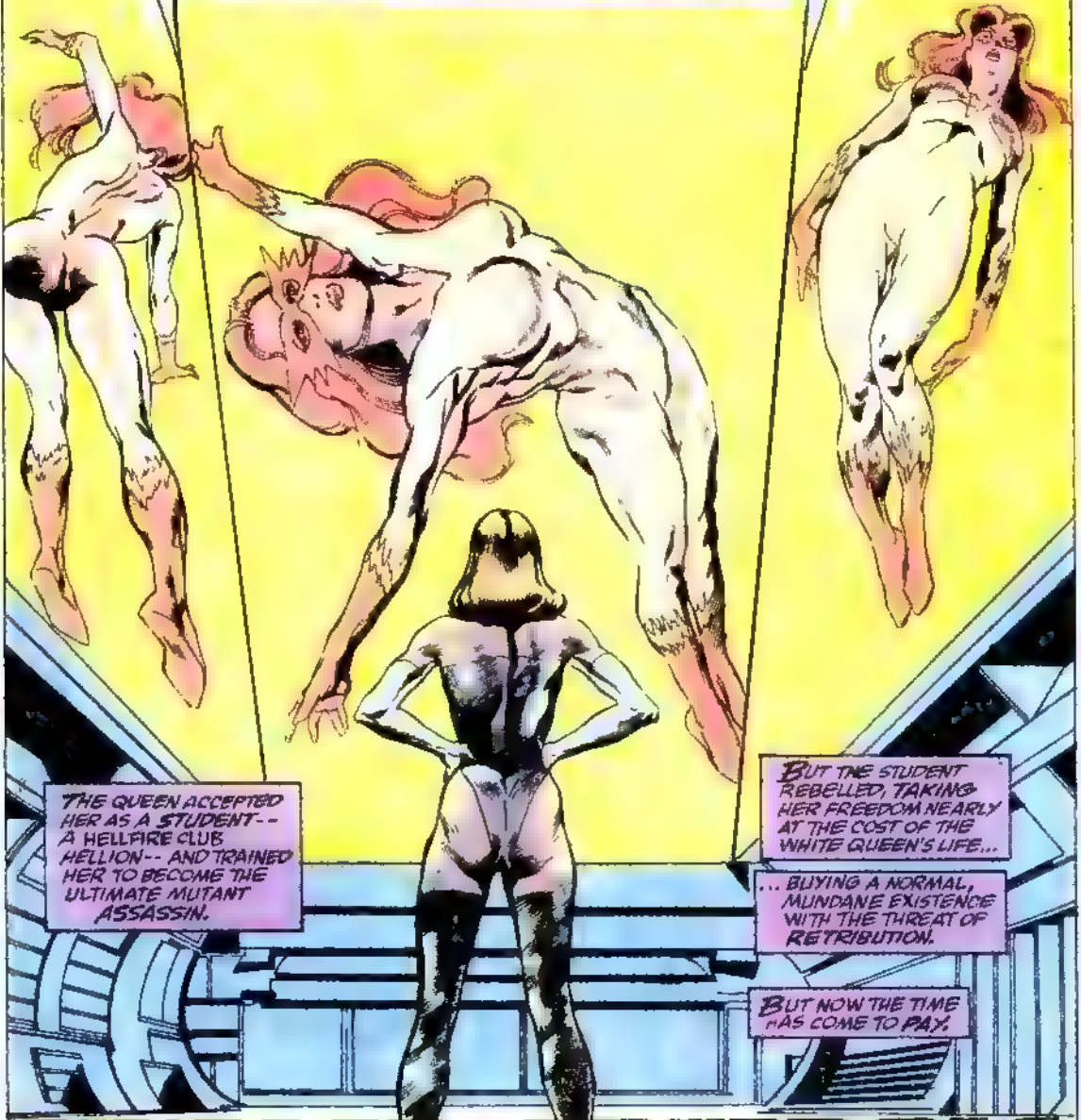
HER CONTROL OF THAT ABILITY, AND HER COSTUME, WERE COURTESY OF THE WHITE QUEEN.

THOSE, AND HER CODE NAME...

FIRESTAR

IN

LIFE DURING WARTIME PART ONE



THE QUEEN ACCEPTED HER AS A STUDENT-- A HELLFIRE CLUB HELLION-- AND TRAINED HER TO BECOME THE ULTIMATE MUTANT ASSASSIN.

BUT THE STUDENT REBELLED, TAKING HER FREEDOM NEARLY AT THE COST OF THE WHITE QUEEN'S LIFE...

... BUYING A NORMAL, MUNDANE EXISTENCE WITH THE THREAT OF RETRIBUTION.

BUT NOW THE TIME HAS COME TO PAY.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

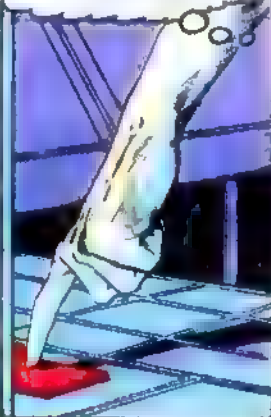


A TOUCH IS ALL IT WILL TAKE.

ONE TOUCH AND THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FED--UNTRACEABLY--INTO FREEDOM FORCE'S COMPUTERS.

FIRESTAR WILL BE THE NEXT TARGET OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PRIVATE MUTANT HUNTERS.

THEY'LL DESTROY HER SEMBLANCE OF NORMALCY, OR SHE'LL BE FORCED TO DESTROY THEM. EITHER WAY, I WIN.



I SWORE NOT TO GO AFTER HER MYSELF, BUT NOT TO LET HER ESCAPE COMPLETELY.

"THE LITTLE COW HAS TO LEARN, NO ONE BETRAYS EMMA FROST, THE WHITE QUEEN."



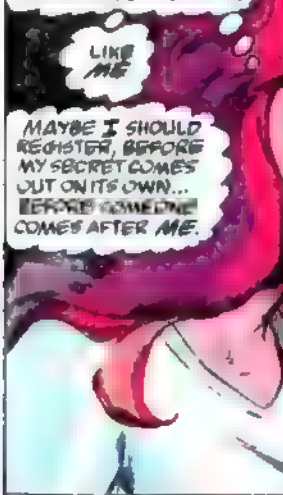
"NO ONE..."

...COULD TOUCH US OUT THERE MESS, AND WE WOULD'VE WON IF THEY DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A GREAT GOALIE!

SHE WAS UNSTOPPABLE! MAYBE SHE'S A MUTIE!

NEXT TIME, ANGE WE'LL TELL HER SHE'S GOT TO SLOW DOWN OR WE'LL MAKE HER REGISTER! HA-HA HA...

NOT SO FUNNY THE REGISTRATION HYSTERIA HAS PASSED! BUT THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL TALKING ABOUT KEEPING TABS ON ANY ESPECIALLY POWERFUL MUTANTS.

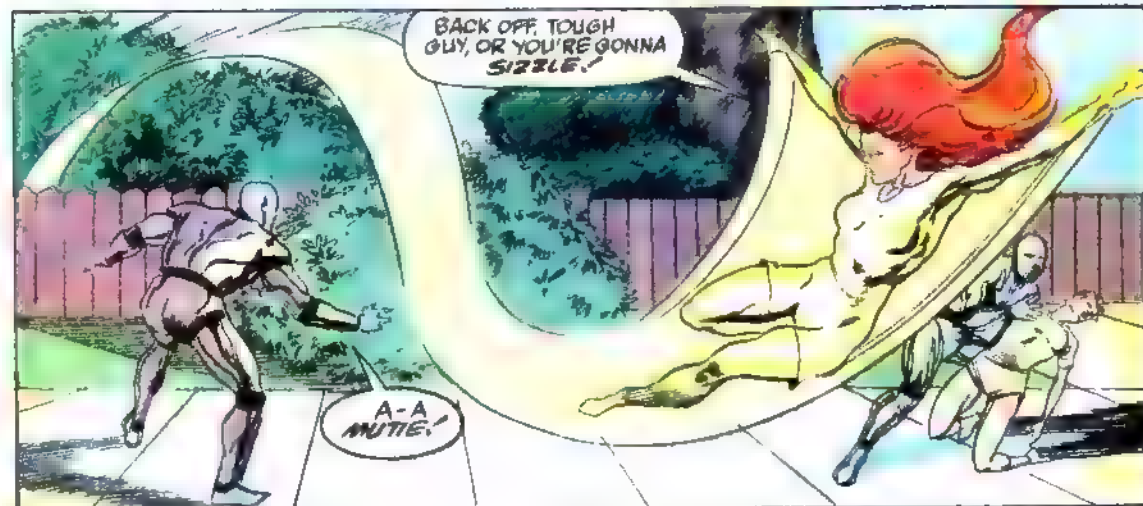
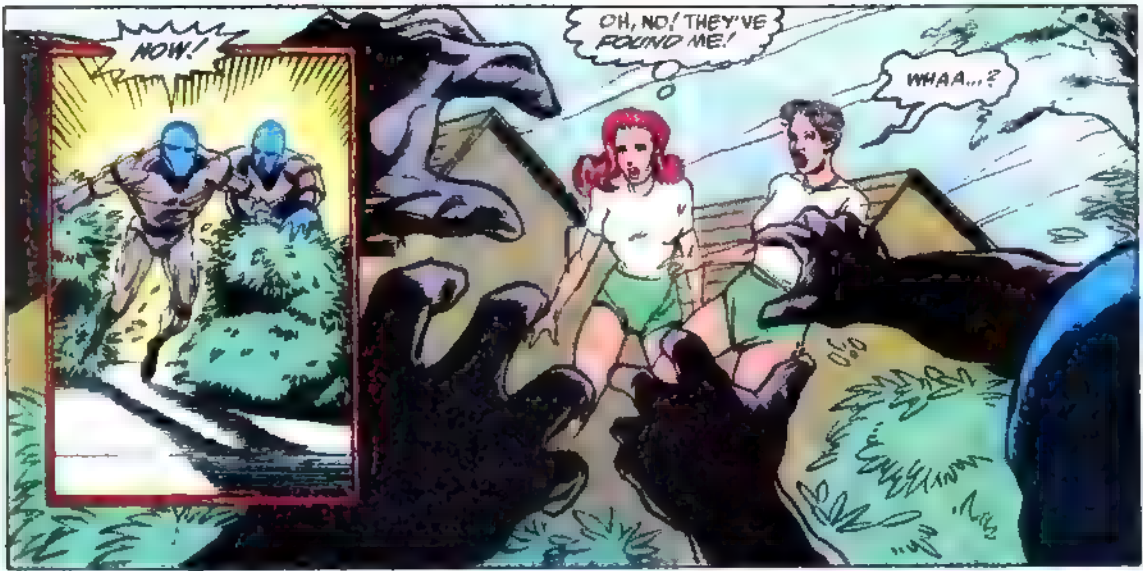


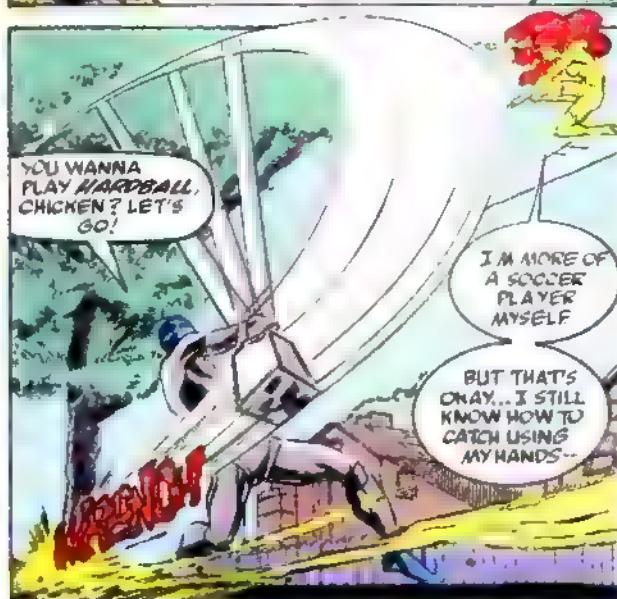
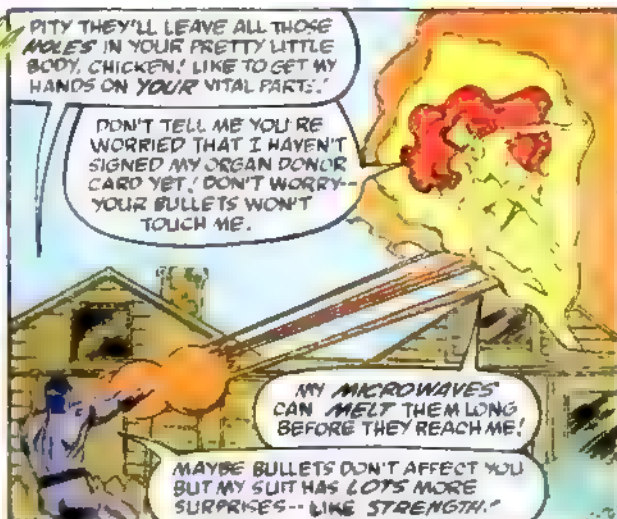
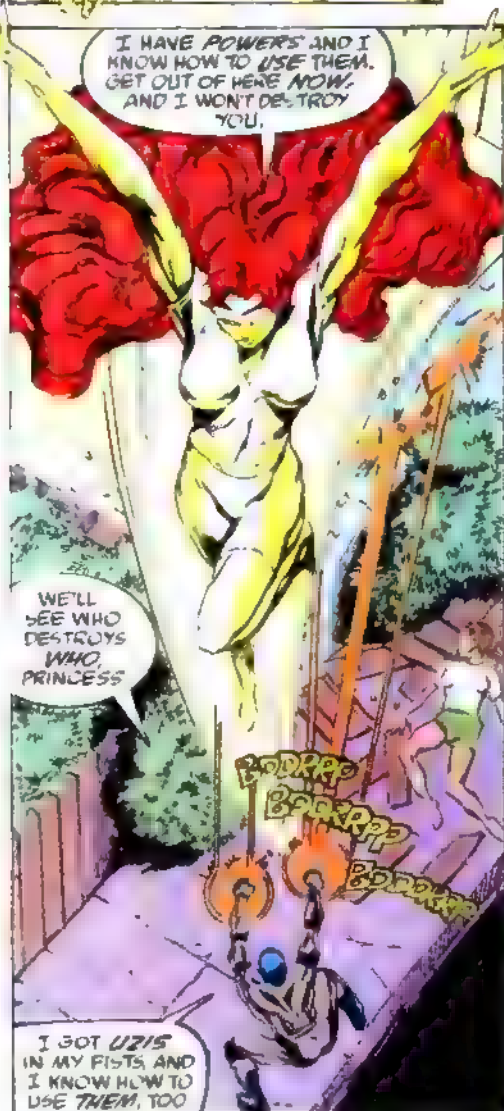
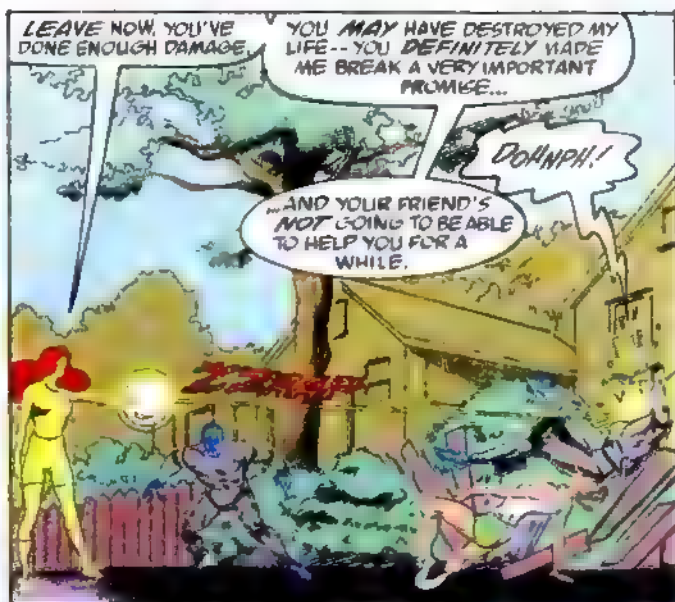
LIKE ME

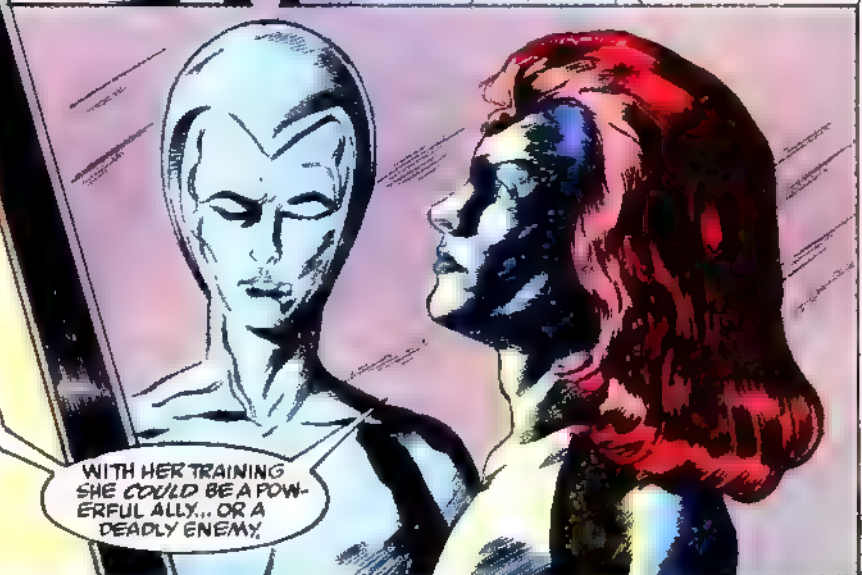
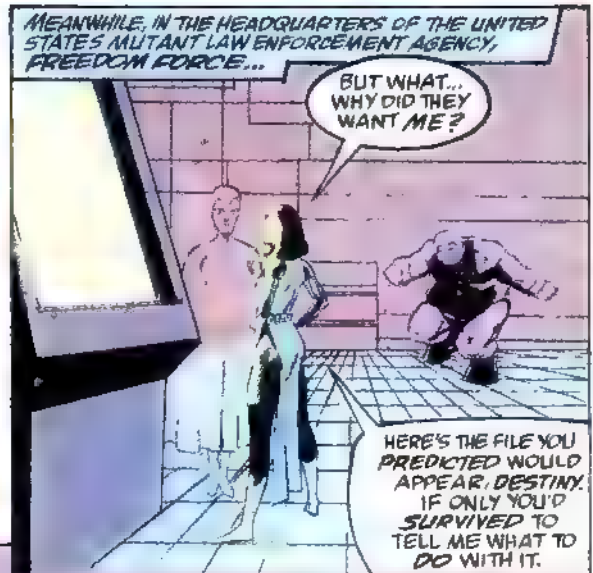
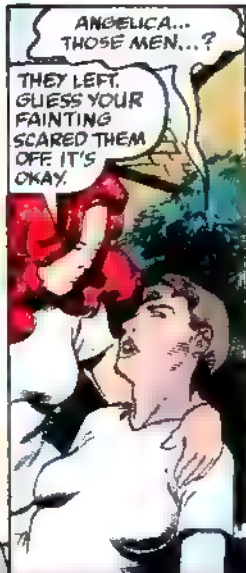
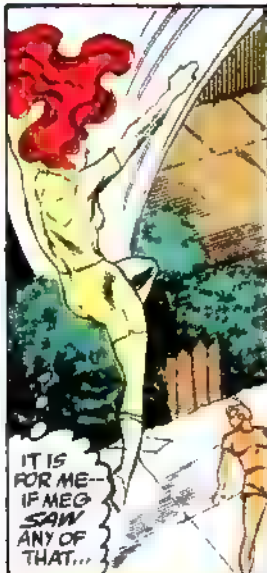
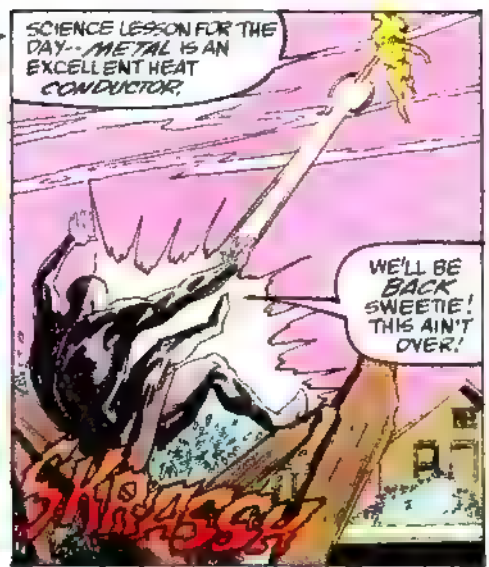
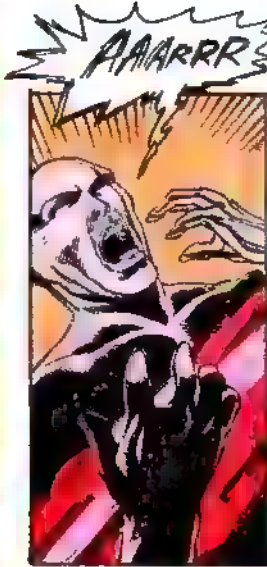
MAYBE I SHOULD REGISTER, BEFORE MY SECRET COMES OUT ON ITS OWN... BEFORE SOMEONE COMES AFTER ME.

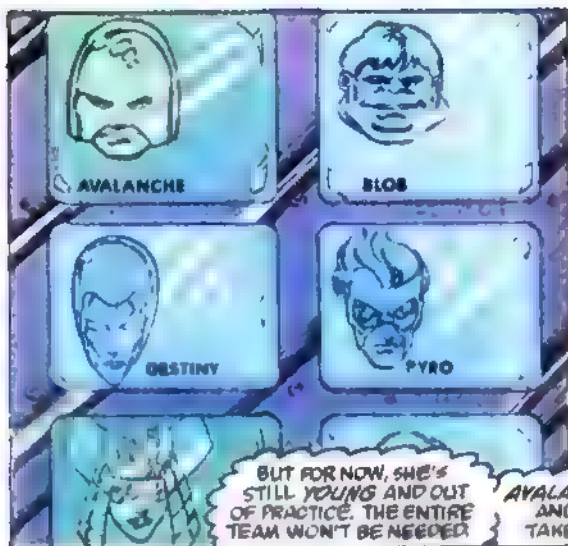
SHE'S THE ONE WE WANT. SNAG HER AND DITCH HER FRIEND.











BUT FOR NOW, SHE'S STILL YOUNG AND OUT OF PRACTICE. THE ENTIRE TEAM WON'T BE NEEDED.

AVALANCHE, SPIRAL, AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF HER.

THE COMPUTER READOUT IDENTIFIES A CLOSE FRIEND OF HERS-- MEG FALLON. SHE'LL MAKE AN EXCELLENT DOGHOUSE.



..TO ENSURE THAT FIRE-STAR USES HER POWER FOR THE GREATER GOOD OF FREEDOM FORCE... OR NOT AT ALL!



-- EVER, YOU SAID! HOW COULD YOU?

YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS TO USE YOUR POWERS IN PUBLIC! YOU PROMISED!

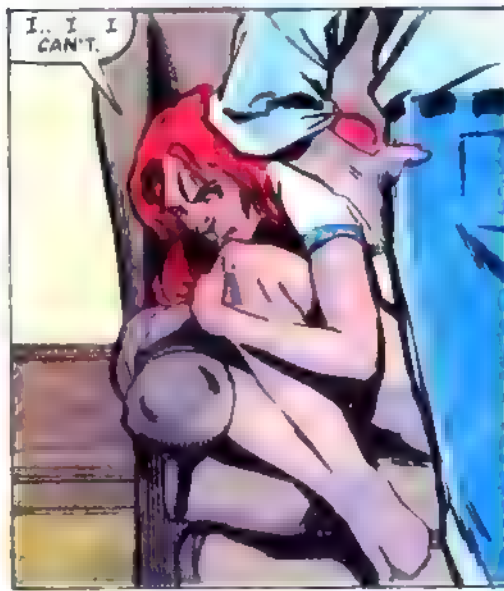


BUT, DAD... THEY WERE AFTER MEG...

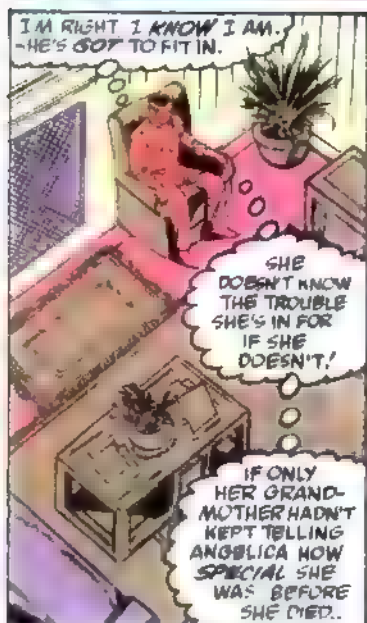
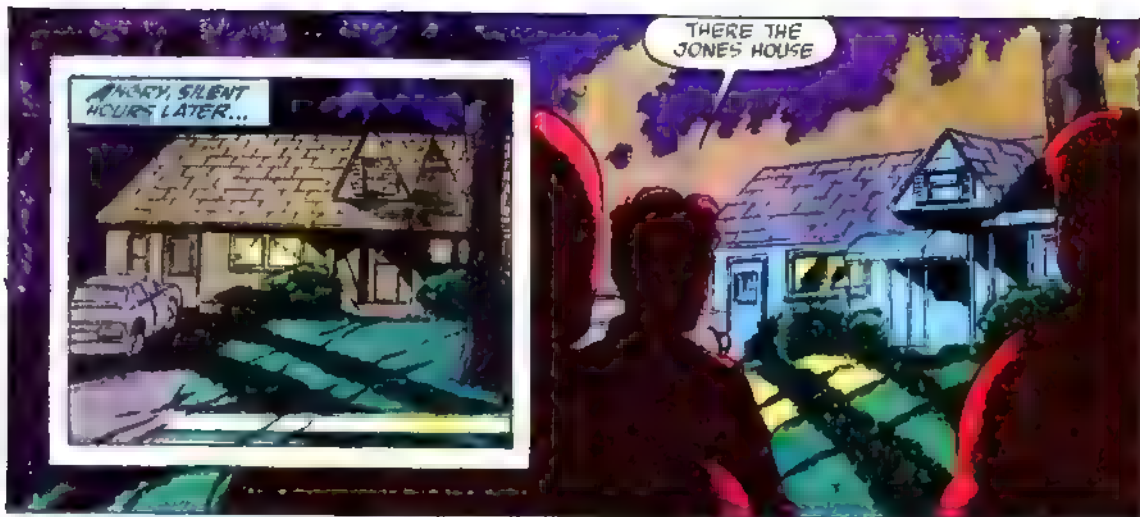
WHAT IF SOMEBODY SAW YOU? YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME WITH THAT AWFUL EMMA FROST CHARACTER!

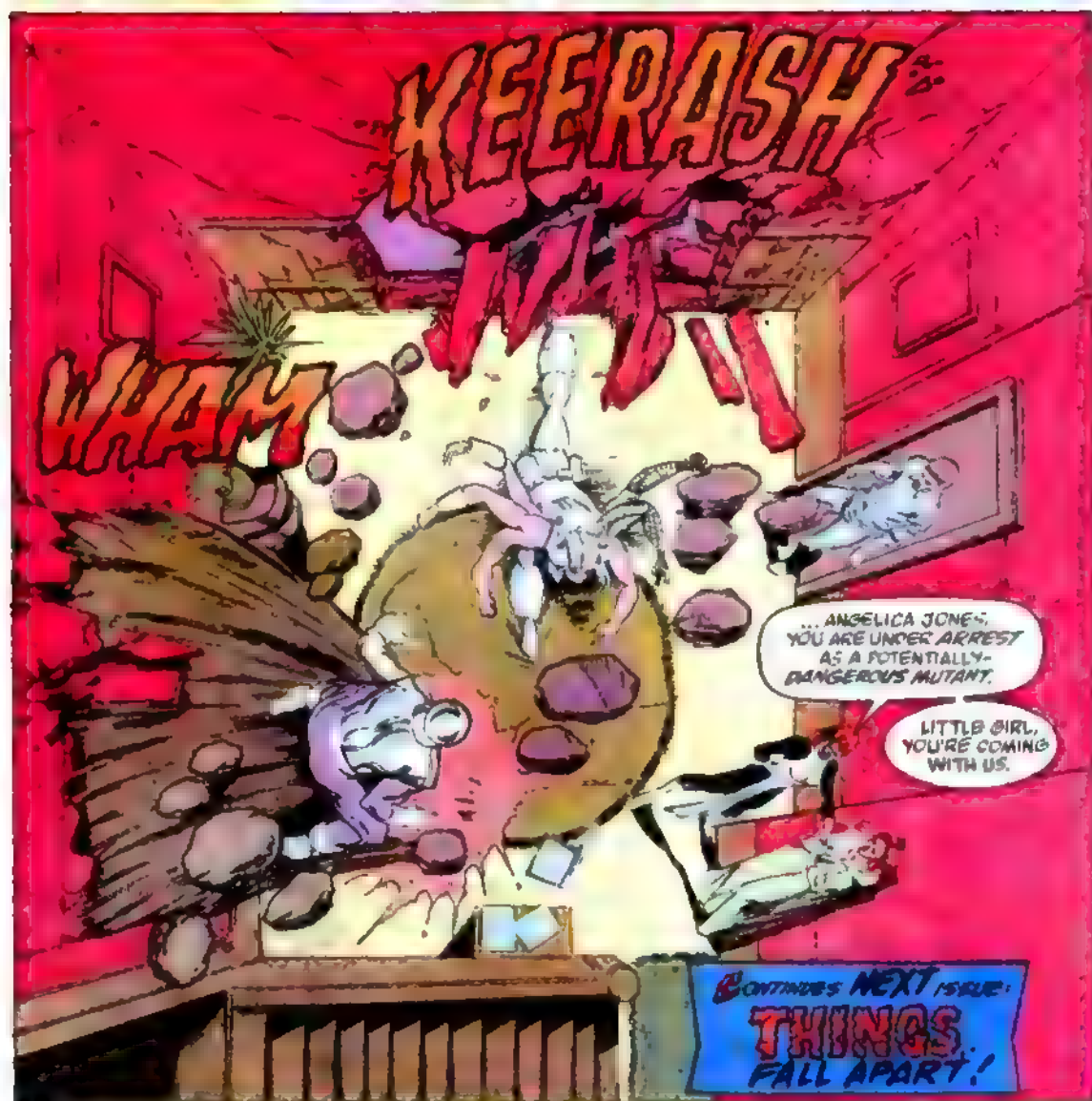


PROMISE ME AGAIN ANGELICA. PROMISE ME YOU'LL NEVER USE THOSE POWERS AGAIN. NEVER



I.. I I CAN'T.





**IRON
MAN**

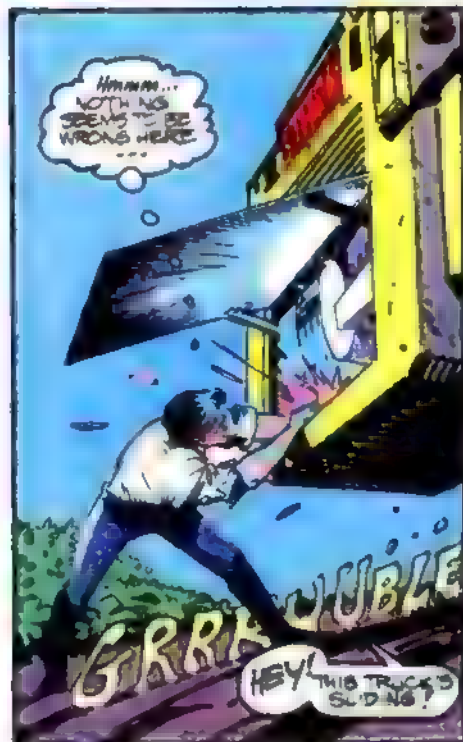
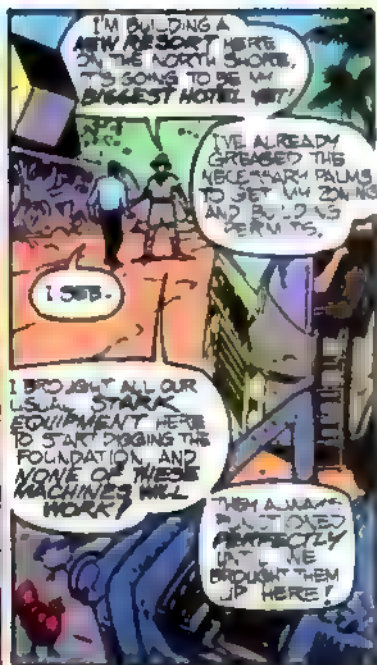
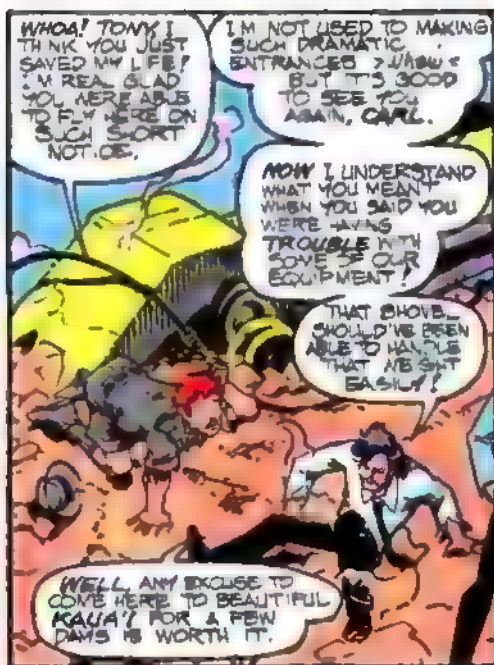
**MAKING REAL
PROGRESS**

"THE GARDEN ISLAND" OF KALIA IS
THE OLDEST AND NORTHERNMOST ISLE
IN THE STATE OF HAWAII...

**CARL!
LOOK
OUT!**

WWRROOOO

MURRAY LEINACH





UNKE
THAT WAS
TOO
CLOSE!

I JUST
CHECKED
THE BRAKE!
IT WAS SET!

WHAT'S
GOING ON
HERE?!

CARL ROMAN'S
CONDO...

Ooooooh...

THAT MUST BE
SOME NIGHTMARE
YOU'RE HAVING
MIKE? COME ON,
SON, GET WELL!

KNOCK
KNOCK.

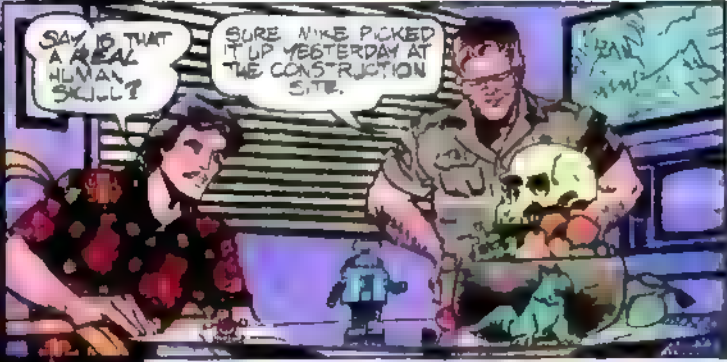


COME
IN, TONY.
WHAT DID YOU
FIND OUT?

I WISH I KNEW. EVERYTHING
SEEMS FINE. OUR UNITS APPEAR
TO FUNCTION NORMALLY. IN
THEY'RE ACTUALLY BET TO WORK!
I'VE NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING
LIKE IT!

HOW'S
MIKE
FEELING?

HE'S STILL RUNNING A
HIGH FEVER. THE DOCTOR
WAS HERE A WHILE AGO. HE
THINKS IT'S A FLU BUG.



SAY IS THAT
A REAL
HUMAN
SKILL?

SURE MIKE PICKED
IT UP YESTERDAY AT
THE CONSTRUCTION
SITE.

THE CAVES UNDERNATH THE
CLIFFS ARE FULL OF OLD
HAWAIIAN REMAINS. THE ANCIENT
HAWAIIAN HAD THEIR DEAD
IN CAVES

REALLY?

THE LOCALS
HERE HAVE BEEN
SQUAWKING ABOUT
MY DEVELOPING THAT
PIECE OF PROPERTY
SINCE DAY ONE!

BUT I DON'T
BELIEVE
GHOST STORIES
TONY

WELL IT'S BEEN A LONG
DAY CARL. I'M GOING
TO BED. WE'LL TALK
MORE IN THE MORNING.

BUT SEVERAL HOURS
LATER...

KRASH



WUT?!

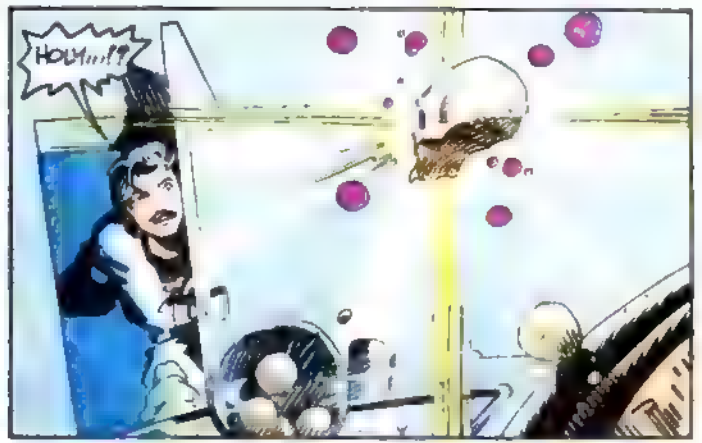
THUMP

WHAT
WAS
THAT??



BOMP

SOMETHING
REAL STRANGE
IS GOING ON
IN THE
ROOM...



I'D BETTER KEEP MY DISTANCE
UNTIL I FIND OUT WHAT'S
HAPPENING INSIDE THAT CAVE!

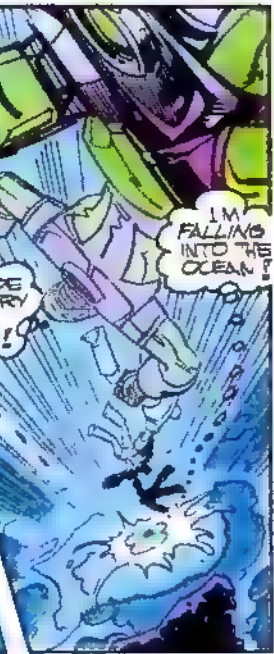


WHATT?
ALL MY
POWER
CUT
OUT!

CAN'T OVERRIDE
IT! NO AUXILIARY
POWER
RESPONDING!

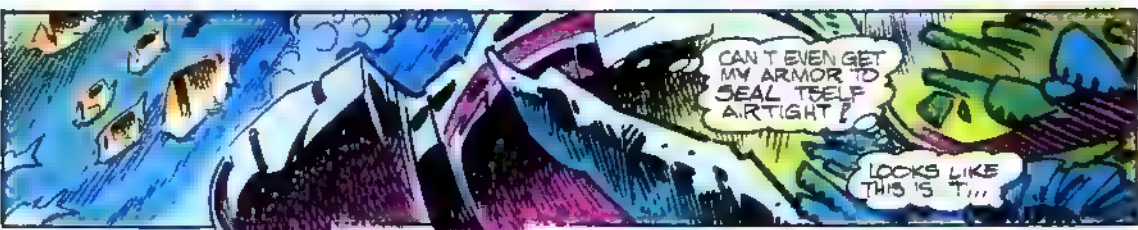


I'M
FALLING
INTO THE
OCEAN!

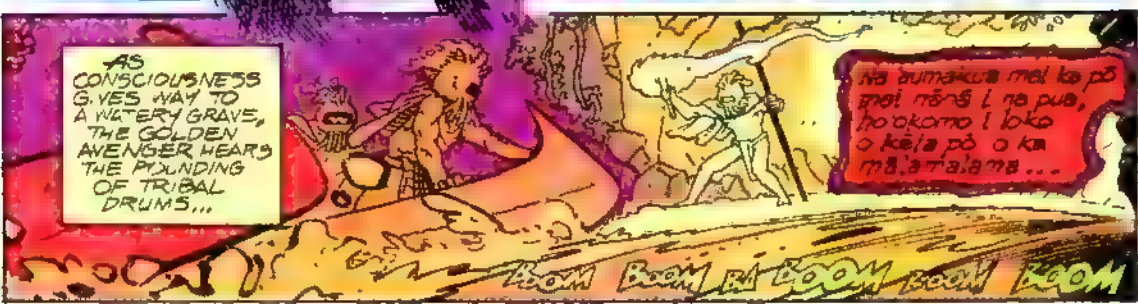


CAN'T EVEN GET
MY ARMOR TO
SEAL TIGHT!

LOOKS LIKE
THIS IS IT...

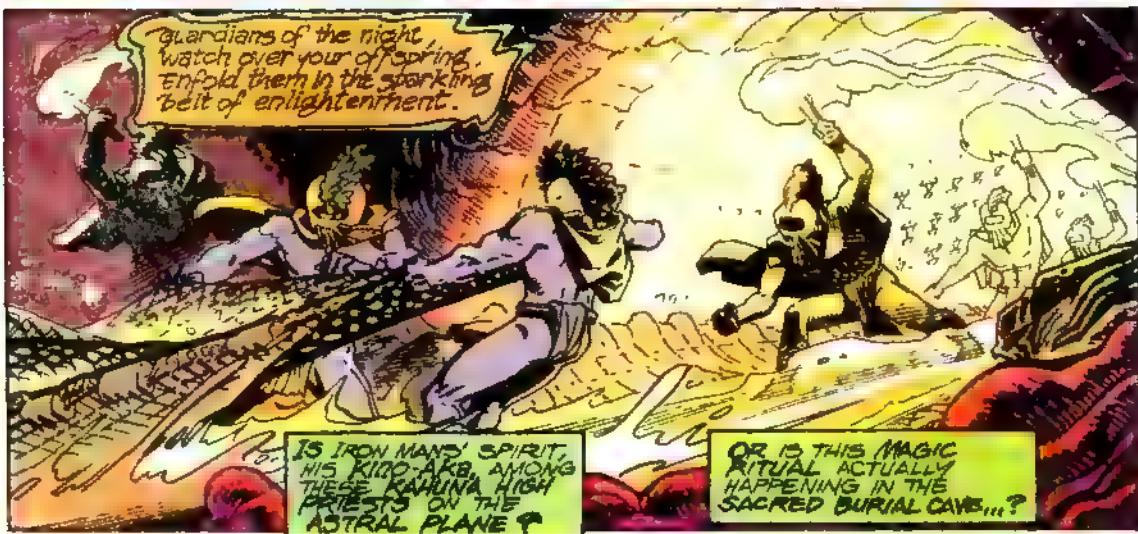


AS
CONSCIOUSNESS
GIVES WAY TO
A WATERY GRAVE,
THE GOLDEN
AVENGER HEARS
THE POUNDING
OF TRIBAL
DRUMS...



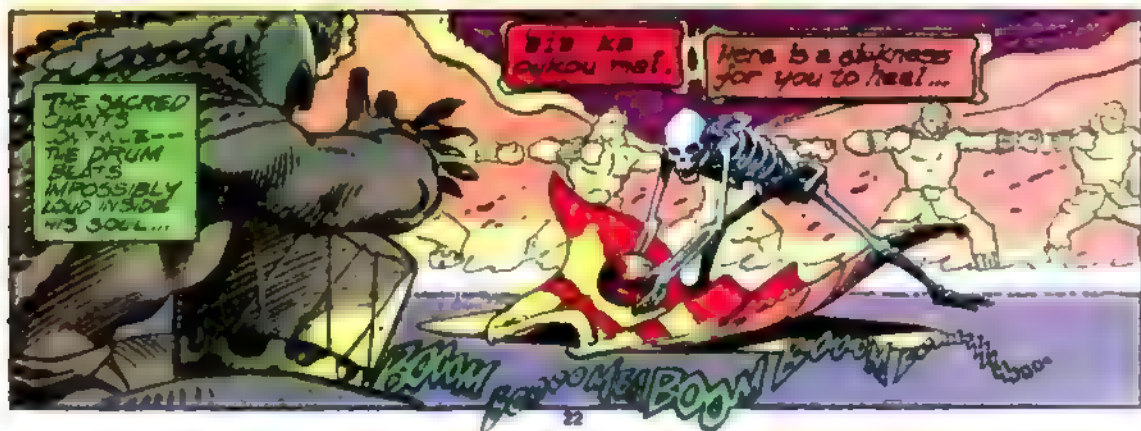
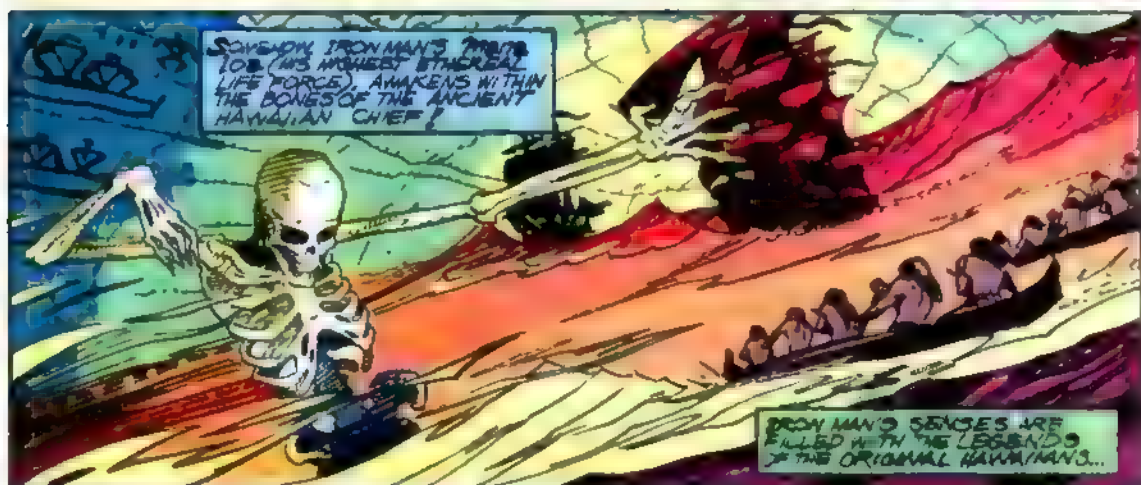
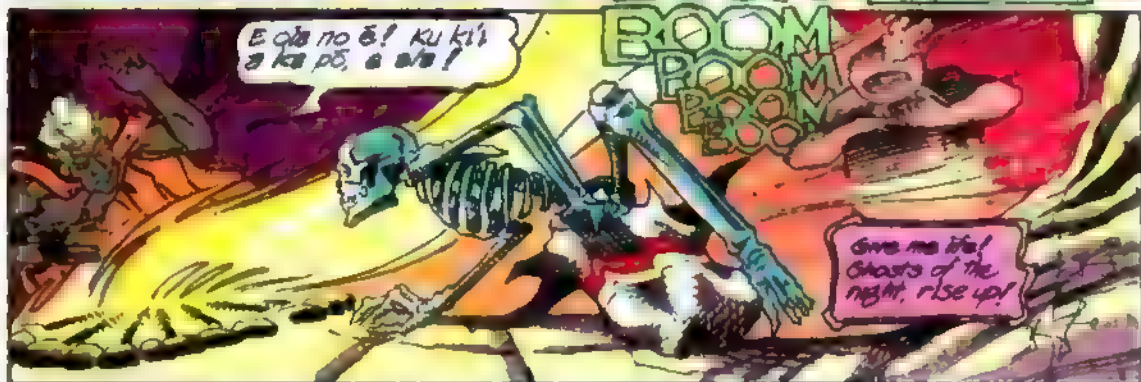
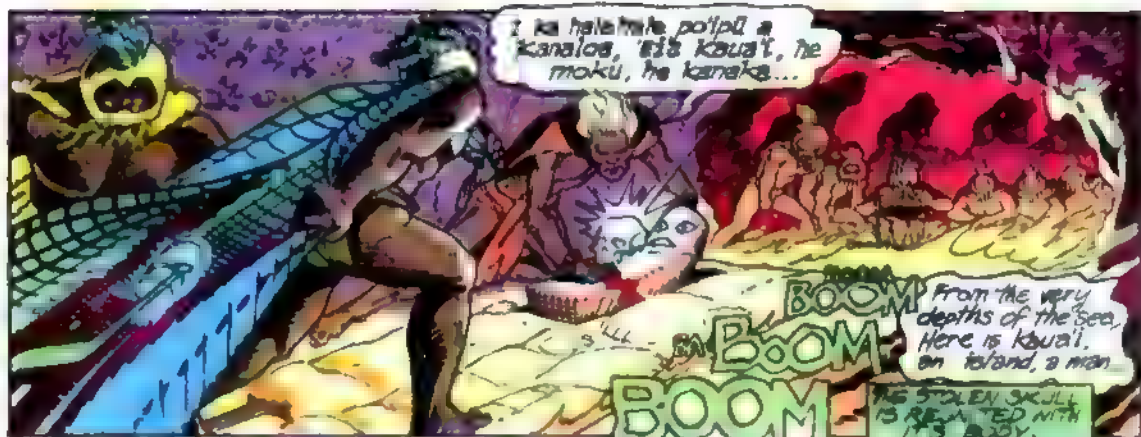
Na hūmaka me lō pō
mai nānā i nā pua,
ho okomo i lōlo
o kēia pō o ka
mālaialama...

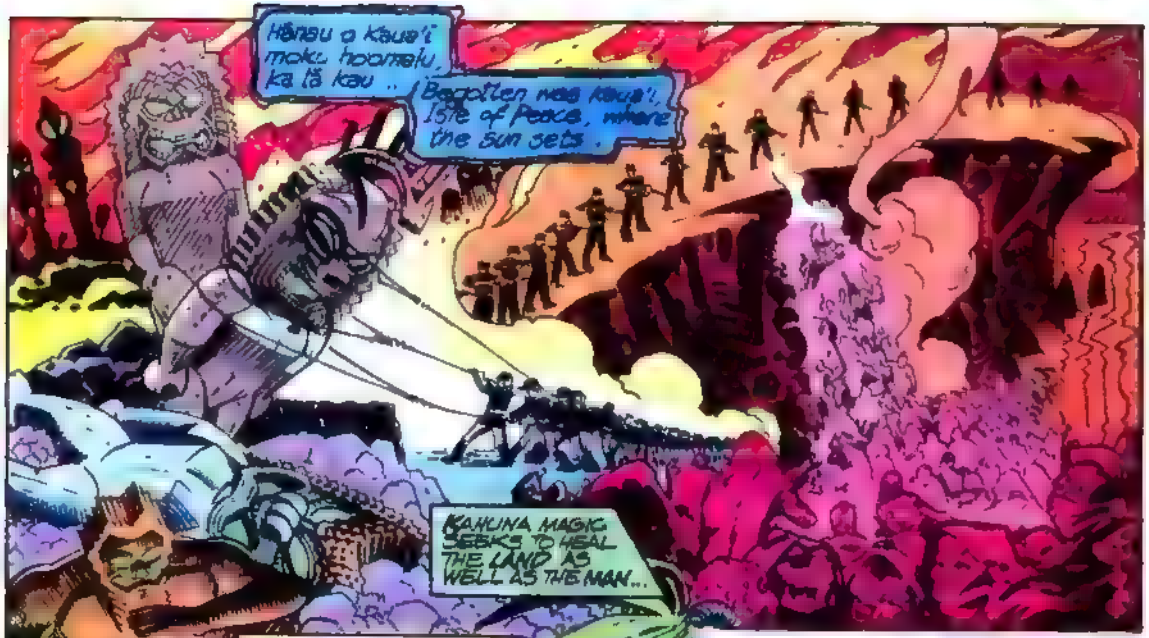
Guardians of the night
watch over your offspring.
Enfold them in the sparkling
'belt of enlightenment.'



IS IRON MAN'S SPIRIT,
HIS KIRO-ARB, AMONG
THESE KAHUNA HIGH
PRIESTS ON THE
ASTRAL PLANE?

OR IS THIS MAGIC
RITUAL ACTUALLY
HAPPENING IN THE
SACRED BURIAL CAVE...?





Hōneu o Kāwe'i
moku hoānehu,
ka lā kau...

Forgotten was Kāwe'i,
Isle of Peace, where
the sun sets.

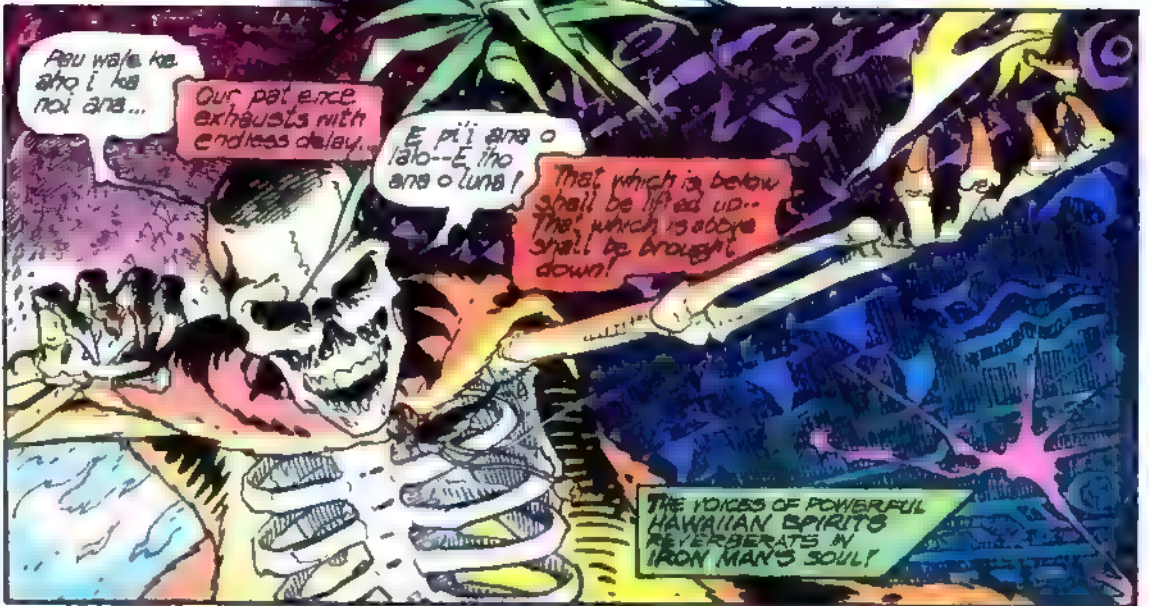
KAHUNA MAGIC
SEEKS TO HEAL
THE LAND AS
WELL AS THE MAN...

THE HISTORY OF THE
HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
CONTINUES TO FILL HIS
SENSES...

REVEALING THE HORRIFIC
CHANGES THAT ARRIVED
WITH THE UNINVITED
WHITE MAN IN 1778.

Lawa o ka āina! Is
this? Pākau! Pākau!

This land was
taken away! How
pungent the smell of
the white foreigners!



Peu wa'e ke
āho i ka
noi āna...

Our patience
exhausts with
endless delay...

E pī'i āna o
lalo--E, lilo
āna o luna!

That which is below
shall be lifted up...
That which is above
shall be brought
down!

THE VOICES OF POWERFUL
HAWAIIAN SPIRITS
REVERBERATE IN
IRON MAN'S SOUL!

MORNING...

I FEEL GREAT TODAY, DAD! I'M GONNA HIT THE BEACH AND CATCH SOME WAVES.

OKAY, MIKE... THE DOCTOR SEEMED TO THINK IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT, TAKE IT EASY, THOUGH.

TONY, YOU EVER GONNA WAKE UP? I'LL BET YOU WENT BACK OUT AND FOUND YOURSELF A HULA GIRL LAST NIGHT EH?

AND I'VE GOT A WHOLE BATCH OF NEW PROBLEMS ALREADY. I ALMOST WISH I'D NEVER STARTED THIS NEW RESORT...

OH?

HEY YOU LOOK AWFUL, PAL!

YEAH, THE LOCALS HAVE CALLED IN A TV CREW TO PROTEST MY TEAR NGUP SACRED BURIAL GROUND

AND MY PLANS FOR A TWENTY STORY MAIN BUILDING HAVE BEEN REJECTED BECAUSE THERE'S SOME LAW ON KAWA'I THAT SAYS NO BUILDING CAN BE TALLER THAN THE PALM TREES!

HOW MUCH ARE YOU INTO THIS THING FOR, CARL?

TWELVE MILLION SO FAR, FOR THE LAND AND PERMITS AND ALL.

JEEZ, WHY DOESN'T ANYONE APPRECIATE PROGRESS?

ROWEN PLAZA KAWA'I

HERE-- THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, I JUST BOUGHT YOUR PROBLEM.

WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU WANT TO DO THIS, TONY?

I TOLD YOU THEY MAY NOT LET THE RESORT BE BUILT AS PLANNED?!

OH, IT WON'T BE

I'M GOING TO GIVE THE PROPERTY TO THE PEOPLE AS A WILDLIFE REFUGE, AND MAYBE BUILD A SMALL CULTURAL MUSEUM.

WHAT... ARE YOU CRAZY? YOU WON'T MAKE ANY MONEY, THAT WAY!

NO, I WON'T.

BUT MAYBE-- BY GIVING SOMETHING BACK TO THIS ISLAND-- MAYBE I'LL BE MAKING SOME REAL PROGRESS!

I MAY NEVER COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO ME HERE... BUT I ACCEPT IT UNCONDITIONALLY, AS I LET IT GO...

ALOHA

IN GREEK MYTH, PROMETHEUS
GAVE MAN THE POWER OF FIRE,
FOR WHICH HE WAS ETERNALLY
CURSED.

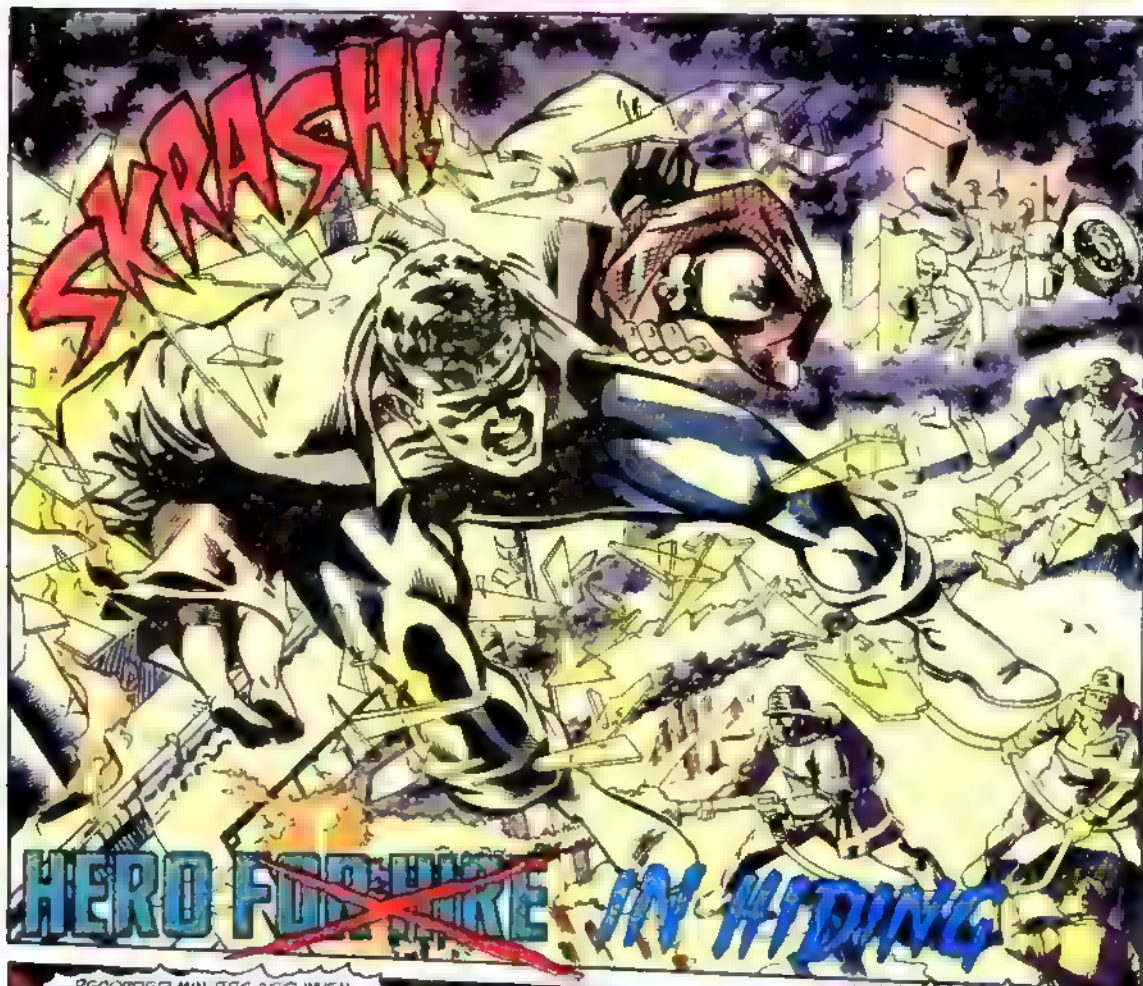
BUT THAT FORCE WHICH
MADE MAN GREAT IS STILL
A BASIC, WILD, ELEMENTAL
POWER.

NO ONE KNOWS THAT
BETTER THAN--

HE WAS PROMPTED THE FIRE,
AND CONTROLLING IT, BECAME
MIGHTY.

--AND SUCH POWER,
UNCONTROLLED, CAN
DESTROY HIM.

POWER MAN



RECORDED MINUTES AGO WHEN
THE "SOUTH SIDE SAVIOR" DISAPPEARED
INTO THE CROWDS AROUND THE FIRE

THE HERO'S IDENTITY
REMAINS UNKNOWN. FOR
"EYE ON CHICAGO,"
THIS IS ..

THE TWO CHILDREN RESCUED FROM
THE BLAZE ARE LISTED IN GOOD CONDITION
AT MERCY GENERAL

STUPID! YOU DON'T
DO THAT HERE, CABE.
YOU DON'T.



BUT LUCK DON'T
HOLD, MAN! YOU BETTER
GET SMART.

WORLD DON'T
WANT NO HEROES--
DON'T NEED NO MORE
SLACKERS!

YOU WANNA STAY
FREE, LEARN THE
RULES, MAN!

YOU CAN'T
COUNT ON NOBODY,
WHEN IT'S DOWN.

GOTS TO MIND
YOUR BUSINESS

MR. ORSEN?
TIME T' PAY YOUR
RENT.

STAY OUTTA
TROUBLE'S WAY

AND IF TROUBLE
COMES LOOKING FOR
YOU, YOU BETTER
TAKE IT OUT...

HUH?
OH...NO...

"...BEFORE IT TAKES
YOU OUT!"

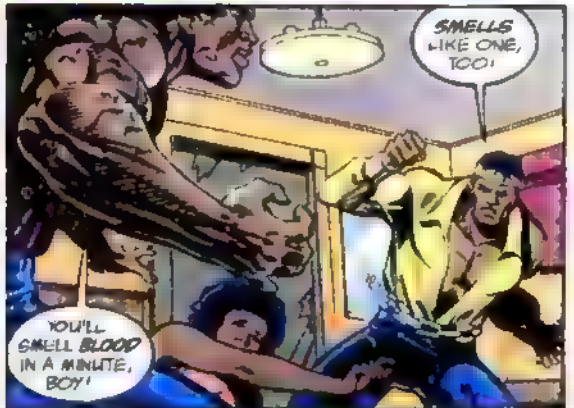
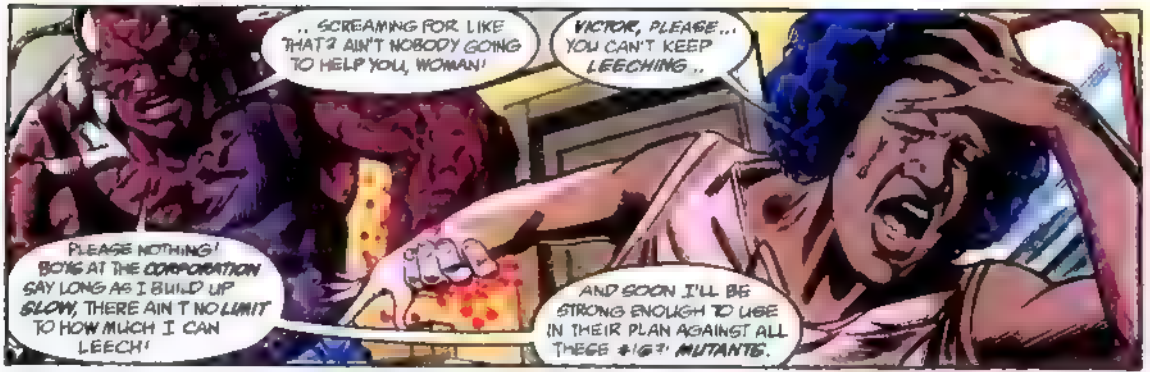
SEE YOU NEXT
MONTH, OLD
LADY...

YOU AINT NOBODY'S
HERO NO MORE, CAGE
AN' IF YOU WANNA STAY
HERE, YOU BETTER
PICK UP A NEW
ATTITUDE...

...OR YOU
END UP BACK
INSIDE

WHAT'D YOU
EXPECT ME TO DO?
IGNORE THE WORLD?
TURN MY HEAD FROM
SOMEONE I CAN--

MY TABLE--!







SHOULDA STAYED OUTTA MY WAY, LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE AROUND HERE!

CAUSE YOU GET IN MY WAY, YOU GET STEPPED ON!

STOMP



WHAK!

EVERY... TIME HE HITS ME...



...GET MEANER...

...LIKE HE'S STILL TAKING ENERGY... MY ENERGY!

HE'S CRACKLING WITH IT NOW-- LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO--



THAT'S IT!

WHAM

WHOEVER THESE "CORPORATION" GUYS ARE, THEY MIGHT'VE HAD A REASON FOR NOT WANTING YOU TO BUILD TOO FAST!

LIKE MAYBE A POWER LIKE MINE MAY BE TOO MUCH TO HANDLE...

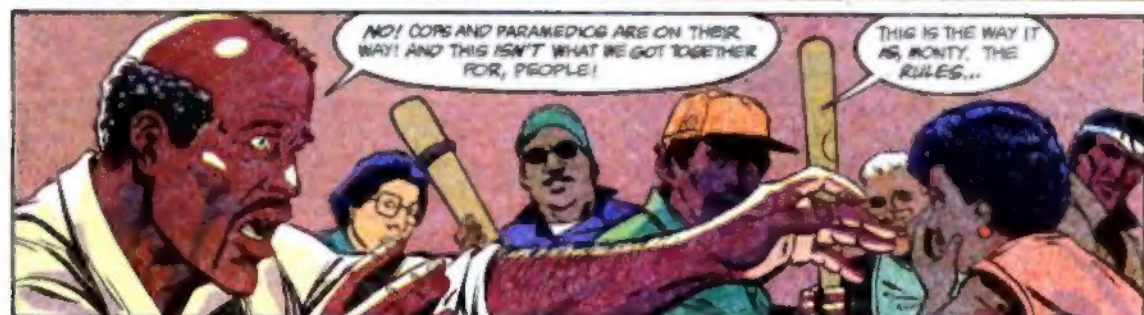


...ALL AT ONCE!

HOPE YOU CHOKED ON IT, YOU A--



BARROOM!





IRON MAN

FACES THE
ANGRY LIVING
SPIRITS OF HAWAII!



FIRESTAR

BEGINS AN EPIC
CONFRONTATION
WITH THE
ARMS OF SALVATION...
AND FREEDOM FORCE!



LUKE CAGE, POWER MAN

RISKS HIS FREEDOM
TO PROTECT
TENEMENT
DWELLERS FROM THEIR
MUTATED SUPER!

50
YEARS
OF
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